

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A turbine airfoil includes opposite pressure and suction sides joined together at leading and trailing edges. An outwardly convex nose bridge bridges the pressure and suction sides behind the leading edge, and is integrally joined to a complementary thermally insulating shield spaced therefrom to define a bridge channel. The shield includes the leading edge and wraps laterally aft around the nose bridge along both the pressure and suction sides.